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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 5, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we grieve yet again for the loss of one of our own, another brave member of the Capitol Police, William "Billy" Evans. We pray for his family and friends, for those who served alongside him, and all those who so deeply feel his passing.

On Friday, many Christians acknowledged the sacrifice You made in Your love for us. How profound it is that on that same day, Officer Evans sacrificed his own life for the love of his country and the defense of democracy. There is no greater love.

Dare we, God, pray also for souls like Noah Green, whose life was tormented by mental illness and depression. Sadly, there are countless others who wrestle with these afflictions and uncontrollable rage, who believe that life is only a war to be fought. Lord, even in our anger, may we find a way to pray for those who would turn their wrath on us.

God, we desire atonement for these atrocities and for the injustices brought upon the Capitol, and we need answers for their prevention. Hear our

prayers for wisdom and courage. May we lay down our fear, anger, frustration, and deep sadness before Your throne of grace, that Your divine judgment would prevail; that Yours would be the last word; and that Your peace and justice would reign in this place, in our lives, and in this country.

We pray in the abiding love of Your holy name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 29, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to

the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,
TIMOTHY P. BLODGETT,
Acting Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective April 5, 2021, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 1, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 4 of the US Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196), I am pleased to appoint the following Members to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

The Honorable ROBERT B. ADERHOLT of Alabama.

The Honorable MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR of Florida.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 1, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 4(a) of H. Res. 8, I am pleased to appoint the Republican Members to the House Democracy Partnership:

The Honorable VERN BUCHANAN of Florida
as the Ranking Republican.

The Honorable JEFF FORTENBERRY of Nebraska.

The Honorable ADRIAN SMITH of Nebraska.
The Honorable STEVE WOMACK of Arkansas.
The Honorable TOM RICE of South Carolina.

The Honorable BILLY LONG of Missouri.
The Honorable J. FRENCH HILL of Arkansas.

The Honorable DARIN LAHOOD of Illinois.
The Honorable YOUNG KIM of California.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 23, 2021, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1276. To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID-19 vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, further reported that on March 26, 2021, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1651. To amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1799. To amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-729. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification of the termination of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13928, with respect to sanctions against certain persons associated with the International Criminal Court (ICC), pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 117-27); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

EC-730. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Somalia, declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117-28); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 7. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-13). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 1195. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-14, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1195 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mrs. WAGNER):

H.R. 2355. A bill to facilitate responsible, informed dispensing of controlled substances and other prescribed medications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself and Mr. MULLIN):

H.R. 2356. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make technical amendments to the separate payment under the Medicare program for disposable negative pressure wound therapy devices; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARDENAS (for himself and Mr. BUCHSON):

H.R. 2357. A bill to establish the Recycling Infrastructure Program within the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BUSH, Mr. COURTNEY,

Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. EVANS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SOTO, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 2358. A bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Science, Space, and Technology, Oversight and Reform, Education and Labor, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CUELLAR (for himself and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 2359. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands as the Los Caminos del Rio National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DELGADO:

H.R. 2360. A bill to establish a program to increase small business awareness of, and participation in, Small Business Administration programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. DELGADO (for himself, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 2361. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish the Rural Innovation and Partnership Administration and to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish the Rural Future Partnership Fund to invest in the rural areas of the United States to achieve their preferred future while maximizing their contribution to the well-being of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 2362. A bill to provide interim appropriations for the Coast Guard Retired Serviceman's Family Protection and Survivor Benefits Plans for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. STEFANK):

H.R. 2363. A bill to authorize the Department of Labor's voluntary protection program; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 2364. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to provide for a public education campaign for the promotion outreach and education campaign to raise public awareness of synthetic opioids; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. WALTZ):

H.R. 2365. A bill to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work